



CONGRATULATIONS

To Palm Beach County Farmers for outstanding achievement in food production and contribution toward winning the war.

A continued effort, comparable to that displayed in winning these awards will assure the peace that will keep America free.

We should direct our determined effort to keep America the land in which government is the servant and not the master of the people. To keep it the kind of America our forefathers wanted to preserve for us.

SAM CHASTAIN

Grower & Shipper

Canal Point, Fla.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Vast Lake Okeechobee Farming Region, through the years has earned an enviable reputation for production of green vegetables,

AND WHEREAS, This particular Region, being an integral part of Palm Beach County's agricultural industry, which in recent days has been recognized by the War Food Administration for supreme effort in producing foodstuffs for an America at war,

AND WHEREAS, Palm Beach County produced \$22,000,000 in vegetables from plantings of 84,000 acres during the 1942-43 season, thereby earning the United States Department of Agriculture "A" Award for Agricultural Achievement,

AND WHEREAS, Said award will be presented in special ceremonies at Belle Glade on Monday morning, November 29, 1943, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning,

NOW THEREFORE, We, the mayors of Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay, do declare the hours of 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on that day as "Palm Beach County Army 'A' Award Day," and ask that all business Houses close for the ceremony.

DONE AND ORDERED, This the 24th Day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three.

William Jeffries, Mayor, South Bay, Florida.

J. K. Baker, Mayor, Belle Glade, Fla.

O. B. McClure, Mayor, Pahokee, Fla.

Thanks, Fellows

On the day when farmers of our county are being honored, we'd like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank all who have given our office consideration when buying insurance. We appreciate your business and extend congratulations for the excellent accomplishments you have made through the years.

GENERAL INSURANCE

O. R. BLEECH

Phone 3691

Pahokee, Fla.

Program

Below is being printed the tentative program for "Palm Beach County 'A' Award Day," to be held Monday morning in Belle Glade. The program is scheduled to start promptly at 10 a. m. since the major portion of it will be broadcast. Governor Spessard L. Holland, the main speaker of the day, will be present for the big occasion as will other outstanding high dignitaries of state official circles.

A 45 piece military band will be there to enliven the occasion and a contingent of WACS will parade to lend the military atmosphere. Three newsreel camera companies plan to have representatives present to "shoot" the happenings.

The county will receive the War Food Administration "Certificate of Achievement" as an award for producing \$22,000,000 worth of vegetables from 84,000 acres in the season of 1942-43. The United States Army will also present the Army "A" Award at the same time—thus making it two awards to be received by Palm Beach county.

The ceremonies will be held at the high school grounds where a special platform has been erected. A special committee will decorate the speakers' platform with all varieties of vegetables grown in the Lake Region.

Mayors of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay have declared Monday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. a holiday to be known as "Palm Beach County Award Day" and ask that all business houses close during these hours and proprietors attend the ceremony.

The program—

"Star Spangled Banner" To Be Sung by the Audience
(Accompanied by the 45 Piece Military Band)

E. F. Froelich, Chairman County U. S. D. A. War Board
Will Open the Ceremony.

Invocation Rev. Jay Jameson
Sam Chastain, as MC, will explain purpose of Meeting.

Presentation of H. G. Clayton, Fla. State Ch. U. S. D. A.
War Board.

"Certificate of Achievement", Presented by H. G. Clayton
Acceptance by L. L. Stuckey.

Introduction of visiting officials Sam Chastain
Capt. Norman Brown, Quartermaster Corps, Commanding Officer of the Subsistence Division for the Procurement of Perishable Vegetables in the Eastern United States of America, on behalf of the Army will present the Army "A" Award Banner.
Acceptance by L. L. Stuckey.

Mr. Stuckey will give the banner to the color guard—composed of members of the Pahokee and Belle Glade Posts of the American Legion. The banner will be hoisted under the national colors.

Immediately following this particular part of the ceremony, Governor Spessard L. Holland will make a speech in which he will accept the honors from the War Food Administration and the Army in behalf of the State.

The program will close with the band playing the National Anthem.

Members of the Lions, Rotary, Woman's club and B. P. W. C. of Belle Glade and Pahokee, will meet in a joint civic luncheon at the Belle Glade City Park immediately upon adjournment of the meeting. All civic club members are urged to be present for the occasion.

BIG W BRAND

FERTILIZER

OUR PRODUCTS



Have Played Their Own Small Part In The Development Of The Lake Region and Naturally We Are Proud of The Accomplishments of Those Who Have Continued—Year After Year—to Produce Food Crops Despite The Many Handicaps.

To Our Friends and Neighbors

THE FARMERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

We Extend Warm Felicitations For Setting A Nation-Wide Record In Food Production And Winning

The Agricultural Achievement Award

WEDGWORTH'S

BELLE GLADE

FLORIDA

Gov. Holland, Who Will Deliver The Principal Address, Commends Farmers

STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TALLAHASSEE

November 24, 1943

The Everglades News
Canal Point, Florida

Dear Friends:

You may be sure that I was delighted to hear that the farmers of Palm Beach County had won the Army "A" Award for production in agriculture.

Production records of all Palm Beach County farmers, and especially those in the Lake Okeechobee region, were remarkable and are a source of pride not only to the citizens of the county but also to the people of the entire State.

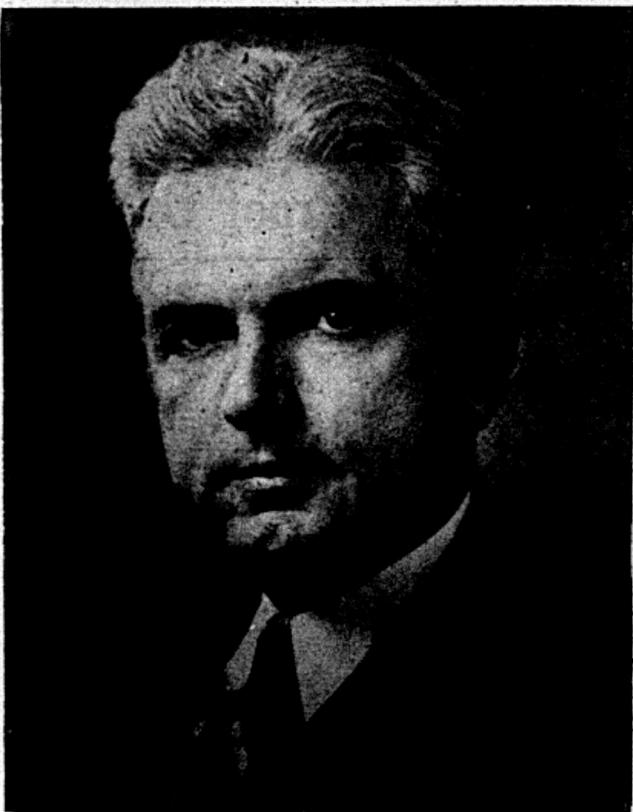
I shall be present when the award is made on November 29 and I shall be happy to share with you good people of Palm Beach County the satisfaction you feel in the splendid service that has been rendered in food production for war.

Hearty congratulations on this signal accomplishment.

Yours faithfully,

Spessard L. Holland
Governor

◆ FLORIDA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE ◆



GOVERNOR SPESSARD L. HOLLAND

Gov. Holland Tells Floridians That Their State Is Preparing A Place In Post-War Florida For Our Men And Women Who Are In Service

Governor Spessard L. Holland, speaking in Jacksonville recently before a Kiwanis Club meeting that drew a large attendance of non-member business leaders of the community, gave an outline of State affairs and plans that should be cheerful news to men and women of Florida in the military service. This message emphasized the fact that Floridians at home are giving their men and women in the armed forces first place both in thoughts and plans in order that the homeland to which they return after the war will not let them down.

He made it quite plain, too, that what is being done does not over-emphasize the idea of help from Washington. State and local communities alike are bent first upon

accepting their own responsibility of dealing with the problems which will be an inevitable part of the post-war period. They believe that this is as it should be, because people cannot go on and on condemning the spread of bureaucracy and at the same time continue the practice of calling for aid from Washington that is conducive to the expansion of the evil of bureaucracy.

The governor's report also brought out facts which will reassure citizens of the State that their public business is being handled from Tallahassee in a thoroughly businesslike way. Every State fund is in good shape, every phase of State business is in sound financial condition — all

black, without a line of red, and the present tax plan is such that it will enable the State to carry on definitely during the war emergency without further revision.

Furthermore, both public and private funds are being built up that will serve as the basis of operations and activities when the war ends that will assure large contributions to the creation of jobs for the returning veterans of the war.

Among projects which are being planned or already have been planned and are waiting the day of mobilization are enlargements of buildings, including the State Capitol, new buildings at the State institutions of higher learn-

ing, the State Board of Health Building at Jacksonville, the Hecksher Drive and park project; State parks, widespread improvements to highways and construction of new ones.

In addition to what the State is doing in this connection, cities and counties throughout the State have plans of their own, many of them well-advanced, made under provisions of the law enacted by the 1943 legislature providing for such projects.

All of which Governor Holland says points to the fact that both the citizens generally and government at all of its levels in Florida will be ready to meet and deal intelligently and liberally with post-war problems. — Jacksonville Times-Union.



Proof Of The Pudding

Is in the eating thereof, so the old saying goes. It is just as true today as when it was first uttered.

10 Years Ago This Fall



We built and operated the first bean grading belt in the Lake Region. Others said "it could not be done" while still others doubted the feasibility of such a venture. Time has vindicated our first effort to prepare a finer pack of Glades Vegetables. We are happy to have contributed this small part toward the success of the Bean Deal here on Lake Okeechobee.

Our sincere Congratulations go out to every farmer on the Lake who had a hand in winning the Army "A" Award.

—
N. N. STARLING

Phone 89J

Belle Glade, Fla.

State Market Fast Becoming Integral Part of Sales Set-Up

The Pahokee State Farmers Market is one of Florida's system of State Farmers Markets created for the purpose of providing convenient marketing facilities for the farmers' wares. The Pahokee market, now in its second year of operation, is enjoying increased patronage due to facilities available for proper processing and display of all commodities grown in the Lake Okeechobee Farming Region.

This large market contains 50,000 square feet of floor space with a celery precooling plant operated by the Everglades Growers Cooperative, capable of precooling a car of celery in 45 minutes.

According to John A. Dulany, manager of the market, there are two separate organizations with grading equipment to grade and pack all varieties of vegetables. The market is proving a splendid outlet for a wide variety of vegetables grown on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. This is an excellent benefit to the section as it has not heretofore been favorably considered as a source of mixed car or truck loads.

The assembling of mixed loads is readily accomplished at the market and with such encouragement to growers it is becoming increasingly evident that smaller growers may earn a more satisfactory return for their efforts if a diversification program is adopted.

The management of the market is always on the alert to assist growers in properly marketing their products. It is the definite established policy of the Pahokee State Farmers Market that all growers, whether large or small, shall receive the same courteous and business-like treatment.

It's a Pleasure

To serve a group of men such as we have in the Farming Deal here on the Lake. For many years it has been our pleasure to furnish them with hardware. Our business dealings with them at all times have been unusually pleasant. Today we join the Farmers' many friends in voicing that unanimous greeting — CONGRATULATIONS — for having won nation-wide recognition for our Splendid section.

Lou Betzner

Hardware Headquarters In Belle Glade

Congratulations

To Each And Every

Farmer on the Lake

Who In Any Way Contributed
To The Winning Of The

ARMY "A" AWARD

FOR

AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

Yours Is A Tough Job, But,
You Have Proved Beyond A
Doubt That You Can Deliver
Despite Handicaps And
Nature's Setbacks. For A
splendid Achievement May
We Again Say

CONGRATULATIONS

ROGERS
Music Co.

Bill Rogers - - - Walter Glennon
— Pahokee —



Uncle Sam Says:

"I'm Happy To Present This "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement, But I Don't Expect You To Rest On Your Laurels."

Our Answer Is:

"Don't Worry Uncle Sam, We'll Be In There Pitching, Battling The Elements, Overcoming Shortages Caused By War and Making A Valiant Effort to Produce Maximum Crops From Our Acreage In Order That A World, Torn and Threatened By Aggressors, May Be Fed.

"Naturally, We're Happy To Receive This Award and Will Continue in the Future, As We Have in the Past, to Carry On."

P. C. Keesee

Produce Broker and Packer

Belle Glade, Fla.

Back In 1925

We Shipped The First Solid Car

**OF GREEN BEANS
FROM EAST BEACH**

Since That First Car Was Rolled Northward 18 Short Years Ago Thousands Upon Thousands Of Cars Have Followed It—Until, During The Past Season Such A Volume Moved That An All-Time Record Was Established And Farmers In This Section Will Be Presented The . . .

Army "A" Award For Production

The Vast Agricultural Section On Lake Okeechobee Has Been Recognized In Its Rightful Place.

*We Add Our Congratulations . . .
To The Farmers In The Lake Okeechobee Region*

W. H. VANN, Inc.

Broker Canal Point, Fla.

VEGETABLES GROWN IN SMALL PATCHES IN LAKE OKEECHOBEE REGION AS EARLY AS 1908

(Editor's Note: We are indebted to Howard Sharp for the following article on early East Beach vegetable growing. This article is a result of diligent research on his part and is one of many being prepared for his history of East Beach.)

H. C. Thompson and Paul Thibodore, the trappers, came on Lake Okeechobee by way of Fort Myers in 1905 and made camp on the east shore of Pelican Lake and soon thereafter planted vegetables. In 1908, J. O. Wright, supervising engineer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Experiment Stations, made a field examination of the lake region and Everglades. The report is contained in Senate Document No. 89; on page 173 is this: "On the southern shore of Pelican Lake two trappers were found who had a small garden. They were growing onions, cabbage, peas, turnips and tomatoes. The muck was 14 feet deep, and the water, at the time of the visit, was 24 inches below the surface. No fertilizer had been used and the plants were thrifty and promised a good yield." The trappers whose crops Wright saw were Thompson and Thibodore. This was in 1908. Jim Bacom may have been on Cypress peninsula in that year but there is no mention of him.

In the paper on fishing on Lake Okeechobee, contained in this series, it is recorded that Captain Hall of Kissimmee recruited a fishing crew in the Caloosahatchee valley in 1901 and that the fishing industry was well established on Lake Okeechobee in 1904; and Thomas A. Bass and his half-brother Will R. Bass had a fish camp at the mouth of Taylor creek in 1906, and T. A.'s cousin Henry Bass had a fish camp at Lookout Point at the mouth of Kissimmee river. By 1908 Mrs. Woodhull had borne a baby at the fish camp on Three-Mile canal. The Fort Myers Press was saying in 1908 that vegetables were coming in from Lake Okeechobee; it did not say from what point on the lake, but Thompson's and Thibodore's was the only garden Wright had noticed and Thibodore running a boat to Fort Myers regularly to take the coon and otter skins to Atlantic Coast Line depot for shipment to Becker Company in Chicago and get mail and supplies. It may well have been his boat that brought the vegetables to Fort Myers; by 1905 Thompson and Thibodore had three years in which to clear land and make a

garden. Wright's mention of the garden does not state its size; coons were trapped in the winter and Thompson and Thibodore had plenty of time for other use of their time.

Fort Myers was the only town that had commerce with the Lake Okeechobee region until 1912 when North New River canal was opened to Fort Lauderdale, and it is worth while to note what kind of a town Fort Myers was. In 1905 it had a canning plant and ice and electric light plant. Governor Broward and members of the board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were making trips up the Caloosahatchee, tourists were coming on sight-seeing excursions on the steamboats. G. M. Heitman had bought an Oldsmobile, and the Biograph theatre was showing moving pictures. The trapping business as well as the plume business contributed to make it lively and prosperous. The Press of February 23, 1906, noted causally that "Bill Brown sold 645 otter skins at a \$7.75 average". On January 25, 1905, there was a freeze at Fort Myers but vegetation on Lake Okeechobee was not hurt. It is interesting to note that the "white fly" that plagued growers in the Everglades in later years was prevalent in the Caloosahatchee valley in 1905 and the freeze did not eradicate them.

Jim Bacom was the next vegetable grower on East Beach. Elsewhere in this series an effort is made to establish the date he came and in the absence of specific information and on the basis of other facts it is assumed he came in 1907; J. O. Wright does not mention him and he would have been observed if he had a garden on Bacom Point. Jim may have been fishing on the lake in 1908 without at that time having put in a garden; he soon came to be the biggest truck farmer on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee.

For an understanding of the process of settlement of East Beach it should be kept in mind that the geography of this region was always adequately known to persons who had need to know it in their times; or the information was procurable. Attached to a paper in this series is a copy of a map made in 1821; also a map made in 1838, and photostatic copies of sketches and maps made in 1855. In 1839 there was a map "showing the seat of war in Florida"; it was sold at a popular price by Drew's stationery house in Jacksonville. Soldiers who were stationed at posts around Lake Okeechobee in 1855 and 1856 went

home and told of their experiences and their stories were printed in the home-town papers. Dissert's operations on the lake had wide publicity in 1881 and for years thereafter, and then the attention of the entire state was centered on the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee by Broward's candidacy for the governorship in 1904. Plumbers were active on Lake Okeechobee in 1904, and the agitation by the Audubon Societies for legislature to protect the birds contributed to the general understanding of the location of the lake and its characteristics. Tourists came on the lake on sight-seeing excursions from Kissimmee as well as from Fort Myers. Boats ran, not regularly but frequently, between Fort Myers and Kissimmee through the 80's. There wasn't an acre of land on the shores of Lake Okeechobee in 1908 that white men had not trod, and wider areas had been observed from boats and the characteristics of the region recorded. All Lake Okeechobee was in Dade county, which had been created by the Territorial Council in 1836; in 1880 the population of the county was 257, and in 1905 it was 12,089. A large part of this population of 12,089 in 1905 was made up of persons who had prospected a great deal of south Florida.

Henry Bass had a crew of fishermen camped on Lookout Point in 1906; Aaron Bronson was a member of the crew and he left it—he does not remember the year, and came on East Beach and built a house of poles and palmetto fans and hunted alligators until he was able to finance a fishing outfit of his own. He was here when G. A. Watkins and associates bought land in fractional township 41 in 1909; he had been here "a year or two" then, and if in 1909 he had been here a year 1908 is the date of his settlement.

Harry Warner had a fish camp on East Beach in 1910 and his wife was with him, and Oliver Miller had been here before Warner and had dug the ditch then known as "Miller's ditch" and later as "Stuckey's ditch", this ditch being at that point where the Canal Point-Pahokee road crosses the sugar company's railroad track. Thompson assisted in making the ditch—it connected Pelican and Lake Okeechobee. W. A. McClelland and Buck Tillman were fishing on Hicpochee in 1908, and the three Upthegrove brothers had camps and outfits on Bare Beach in 1909 and Robinson was on Observation island; to mention a few of the fishing outfits. H. H.

Hancock was using his boat Victoria Serene in 1905 to carry citrus from the groves along Taylor creek to Fort Myers for shipment.

The point of this review is to make clear that there was only one thing to make odd the fact that Jim Bacom was growing vegetables on Bacom Point. That odd thing is that although fishing was a highly profitable occupation, Bacom was diverted from it in part by growing vegetables; the conditions for farming must have been very favorable indeed to induce him to do that—the factors favoring had to be strong to overcome the conditions against. There were no negro laborers on East Beach until 1915 when some were imported by way of Okeechobee by G. N. Albritton for use by Dr. Armstrong in a season; there was no migrant white labor. Planting may be done under an impulse and in leisure, but harvest called for immediate action, whether the grower felt like doing it or not or whether it was convenient. Winter was the fishing season and the trapping season; vegetables were at their best price in the winter when labor was employed in other occupations—to cite no more than two illustrative cases: J. C. Cone was paid \$400 for four weeks work with a fishing crew of which Buck Tillman was foreman, and A. Q. Howell in 1911 got \$1,000 for his share of a crew's earnings in seven weeks. There were women in the fish camps in 1909-12, but their time was well occupied with the cooking and washing. Truck farming conditions had to be good indeed in some respects for it to be able to be established in competition with the fishing industry.

A hurricane hit Lake Okeechobee in 1910; the gale was stronger on the west side of the lake than on the eastern shore; the Caloosahatchee valley was flooded, and water was to the second floor of packing houses at Fort Lauderdale. I have no accounts of the storm from persons who were on East Beach at the time but from knowledge of later storms it may be assumed with confidence that the rainfall on East Beach was heavy. Alfred Erickson came to East Beach from Fort Myers in 1910, after the hurricane; he says the water was so high for two or three years, thereafter that he could not farm and therefore became a member of G. A. Watkins' fishing crew. As there is a dearth of data about vegetable growing on East Beach in 1910 and 1911

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Vegetables Grown—

the inference is not without warrant that the stage of water was unfavorable to it. Fishing was not seriously affected by the storm.

Axel Jensen came to Bacom Point from the east coast in 1911 and made camp and engaged in fishing and soon planted vegetables. He says he tried to buy the land on which he was camped but the transfer of title from the Louisville & Nashville railroad Company to the Southern States Land & Timber Company had not been made or was so recently made that the owning company was not prepared to sell small tracts.

Among the persons he mentions as being here when he came was George Galloway, a fisherman. Galloway could not have been

here long at that time, for he was moved here by V. T. Brantly who did not come on the lake until 1911. Noble Padgett came up from Hallendale in 1913 and fished and liked the country so well that he brought his family on June 20, 1914, with the purpose of settling and engaging in farming. He had a crop of tomatoes in March 1915 that was killed by frost on the 27th. My notebook shows, on the basis of information from an informant whose name does not appear, that in 1915 "Dad" Bacom had a patch of eggplants and George Galloway half an acre of beans. On his arrival on Cypress Point (whenever it was) Jim Bacom was accompanied by his brother Virgil and another brother; "Dad" did not come for fully a year later. In an article printed in a special edition of The Everglades News issued for the benefit of the post of the American Legion, it is said the W. L. Stuckey family came in 1910; elsewhere the date of their coming is given as 1909. They located where Warriner had had a fishing camp in 1910, priorly known as "Miller's ditch." Evidently the Stuckeys did not immediately engage in farming; A. F. Hooper tells me that one day when the elder Stuckey was seeking beans for consumption Hooper offered to show him his "patch". Stuckey accompanied him and

said, "That isn't a patch; it's a field."

In the spring of 1914 Fred Bartlett came to East Beach from Fellsmere, where he was engaged in truck farming. It was at Fellsmere that Frank Friend and O. B. McClure were farming before they came to East Beach. Bartlett came intending to engage in the "hog business". I have asked many persons, "How did you hear of East Beach?" Bartlett is dead—he was killed in an automobile collision in Texas, and I did not have a chance to put that question to him. No doubt he would have said, as did many others, "Oh, everybody knew about East Beach!" Hogs ran wild on East Beach in large number and they were driven (or swum) to Fort Pierce for sale to the owner of a slaughter house who supplied fresh meat in a wide territory, competing with Whidden Brothers at West Palm Beach.

As is written in an interview I had L. G. (Garland) Biggers obtain from Fred's brothers, W. Q. Bartlett in West Palm Beach, "Fred became acquainted with Jim Bacom, and, impressed with the richness of the soil as shown by the luxuriant growth of cabbage and other crops, he abandoned the hog-raising idea and returned to Fellsmere for his farming implements and joined Jim Bacom in growing vegetables during the 1914-15 season. The yields

were excellent and the prices good. Shipment of the vegetables was made in the fish boat to Okeechobee."

It was through Fred Bartlett that Dr. L. W. Armstrong and his father-in-law H. N. Ridenour were led to come to East Beach from Fort Pierce. John L. Ingram, a Sanford man, had heard of East Beach from Fred Turner, a former Sanford man who got his information about Lake Okeechobee from the Captain Hall of the steamboat Naomi who recruited a fishing crew in the Caloosahatchee valley in 1901. Ingram ran a boat hauling fish from the skinning benches to the shipping points and in an interval he farmed with Dr. Armstrong. An acquaintance between John Ingram and B. A. Howard of Sanford led Howard to come to East Beach—Ingram urged Howard to come and see the wonderful country, and Howard became the promoter of the town of Pahokee.

These facts, acquired by many inquiries in a wide territory over a period of months, would seem to constitute a chain, logical and understandable, and though each is accurate of itself, it is not a complete statement. It omits Harrison Osteen and it omits North New River canal and West Palm Beach canal and the Southern States Land & Timber Company. all factors in the settlement of East Beach.

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As An Important Agricultural Section

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AREA HAS BEEN REWARDED BY YOUR SPLENDID PATRONAGE WHICH
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TO OUR FRIENDS—THE FARMERS FOR WINNING THE

Army "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

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BUT, A City Progresses As Rapidly As The Citizens Progress Who Inhabit that City. And, Pahokee Is Indeed Fortunate In Having A Citizenry Always Alert To The Surrounding Possibilities.

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Our Wonderful Growth Could Not Have Been
Accomplished In So Short A Time !

The City of Pahokee

EXTENDS SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS
TO THOSE WHO HAVE WON THE

Army "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement

THE SAME SPIRIT OF CO-ORDINATED EFFORT
WILL BUILD A GREATER AND BETTER PAHOKEE



City of Pahokee

INCORPORATED IN 1922 — 21 YEARS OLD

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OF GLADES AGRICULTURE

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- ⇒ **V-C Fertilizers**
- ⇒ **Niagara Insecticides**

We Feel A Certain Amount of Pride In The Fact That These Three Products Have Played An Important Part In Bringing Glades Agriculture To The Point Where It Has Been Recognized In Its Proper Light And Awarded The

ARMY "A" AWARD FOR PRODUCTION

We Hope In Seasons To Come That Farmers Will Continue To Recognize These Three Products As Outstanding Just As They Have In The Past. We Assure You The Quality Will Be Kept Up to the Usual High Standard.

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# B. S. WARING

Phone 3611

Pahokee, Fla.

## A Road Was Planned So This Man Purchased Land Nearby; Result: Belle Glade

C. E. Riedel, pioneer of the Lake Okeechobee Region who lives in Belle Glade, while reminiscing the other day told some interesting facts concerning this vast agricultural empire here on the shore of Lake Okeechobee. Mr. Riedel told of circumstances which caused him to move to the site which was later to become the Town of Belle Glade.

It was in June 1911 that Mr. Riedel purchased "sight unseen" his first Everglades land from the Everglades Land company. The land was located in Sec. 10, Twp. 51, R. 38, Dade county, which is close to the site of the sugar company plant before it was moved to Clewiston.

Mr. Riedel came to Florida in 1919. His story follows: "I could not get to my Dade county land so I purchased an interest in 25 acres from Henry J. Priebs in Sec. 14-45-36 which is located about 1½ miles south of the then thriving community of Okeelanta where I resided for two years. That land had a very heavy growth of saw-grass which gave us considerable trouble in plowing under in preparation for planting a crop of potatoes. We finally mowed the sawgrass, then raked it into windrows and set fire to it, taking considerable care not to set fire to the remainder of the Glades. We planted our potatoes early in February 1920 and what a cold winter that was. We had 13 frosts in February and many more in March. In order to save our potatoes from frost we plowed muck over the vines every time we expected frost until we had no more muck between the rows to cover with, and finally lost a good portion of the crop in a late March frost.

"No fertilizer or soil treatment was used at that time except that we sprayed part of our potatoes several times with a Bordeaux mixture. We saved our No. 3 and part of our No. 2 potatoes for seed and had better luck the next fall from the home grown seed. I do not recall the yield but remember that it was very satisfactory. That same season I had an interesting experience with corn. I noticed that where the potatoes had been sprayed the previous year with Bordeaux that good corn was produced and where there had been no spray applied the corn would die back and dry up after it grew up about three or four feet. We learned later it was copper in the Bordeaux the soil needed.

"Back in those days the only means of transportation was by boat and barge as there were no roads in the Glades. So, when prospects loomed for a cross-state road from West Palm Beach to Fort Myers and that the road would pass through the Hillsboro Community Center (now Belle Glade) I became interested in locating near that road. Early, in 1922 I moved from the Okeelanta Community to a location on the north side of the Hillsboro canal about half a mile east of where the Belle Glade bridge now stands. I had purchased 84 acres there in 1920 from George J. Ford. I later purchased an adjoining 87 acres, part of which I worked for about five years.

"Some of my early experience was that the wild hogs got the best part of my corn and peanut crops. Another year I had to harvest my corn from a row boat, the water being deep enough to float the boat between the rows in the corn field.

"In 1932 I purchased 10 acres from Elisa L. Meyer and M. F. Meyer on which the old Meyer hotel was located and also 20 acres from W. E. Clark. These two pieces or tracts were separated by what is now Main Street in Belle Glade. In 1925, I subdivided the 20 acre tract into town lots which is known as the Townsite of Belle Glade. This was the first subdivision around which the thriving Town of Belle Glade has been built.

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## •Good Insecticides

AND

## •Good Fertilizers

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In Winning The

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Located at Pahokee State Farmers Market

# A New Day Dawns

With establishment of the Lake Okeechobee Farmers Co-Operative A New Day Dawns for the small farmer in this Region. This group of men deemed it necessary that a Co-Operative become a reality in order that their needs might be properly cared for as they regard processing, shipping and marketing of their crops. Though in operation only a short while results thus far prove beyond any reasonable doubt that the Co-Operative is the solution of a perplexing problem which has been staring small farmers in the face for many years.

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# Civic Clubs Play An Important Part

If a Boy Scout or Red Cross drive starts to lag in the Glades community—who gives it new impetus and carries it over the top? Members of civic clubs. If community planning goes askew, if a parkway needs beautifying, if conditions arise that endanger the security and happiness of Glades residents, who is first to recognize the problems and take measures to see that they are solved? The civic clubs. As local governments make and enforce the laws, the civic organizations, always with the welfare of the Glades in mind are quick to protest if these laws are not in harmony with justice, progress and better living for the people of our community.

Up to the 1928 hurricane there was little civic consciousness in the Glades. The pioneers had their hands full with the task of transforming the wild and water-sogged Everglades into a land of fertile farms. They had their churches and schools, yes, but there was little time for civic planning or social niceties.

With the rebuilding of the Glades after the hurricane came the organization of civic groups, whose purpose was and has been ever since, "better living and continuous progress for the Glades." The Rotary club of Pahokee was among the first of these organizations to wield its influence in civic affairs. Made up of leading citizens, this club has been quick to sponsor worth-while projects. The Rotary club sponsored organization of the Boy Scouts, set up funds to assist high school graduates in continuing their education in college, formed an athletic council to promote high school athletics and contributed generously to all worthwhile causes and often sparked community drives for funds.

In recent years the Rotarians of Belle Glade and Pahokee, assisted by Lions clubs in both towns, have led many civic improvement programs and carried them through to successful conclusion.

The women of the Glades have through woman's clubs and business clubs, served the Glades in much the same manner as the Rotarians and Lions. The garden clubs are interested chiefly in a more beautiful Glades; the home demonstration clubs in training women to be more capable home makers; the parent-teachers associations in better schools and closer co-operation between the parents and teachers in the education of youth.

Among fraternal organizations the American Legion at both Belle

Glade and Pahokee have been active for many years in civic betterment of the Glades. Before the start of World War II they jointly sponsored the annual Everglades Fair and Bean festival. Each year they have organized disaster relief committees to safeguard the communities against possible storms and from these posts were chosen most of the officers of local defense councils when they were set up in the Glades.

The Masonic lodges, Order of Eastern Star, Woodmen of the World and the recently organized Elks lodge have also made important contribution to the progress of the Glades.

The missionary societies of the many fine churches also have had a tremendous influence in the development of civic life. Through their home mission work they have bettered the life of the needy and have contributed to the spiritual health of Glades residents.

A new and lusty land like the Glades, still in swaddling clothes of development, needs a guiding hand to steer it up the path to greater achievements—and, our civic organizations are lending such a hand.

## 320 Bushels Beans From 1 Bushel Seed

Though yields of beans in the Lake Region vary from year to year, evidence that this variation is caused by weather conditions and not by a decrease in fertility of the soil is found in the record breaking yields that have been produced this fall.

A hundred bushels of snap beans from a bushel of seed, the first picking, is considered a fair average yield. 200 bushels of snap beans from a bushel of seed is exceptionally good but when a grower harvests 960 bushels from three bushels of seed to average 320 to the bushel, first picking, is something to write home about.

The grower who did this week is Dennis Flynn, a pioneer who has farmed in the Lake Region since 1917. The beans, black Valentines, were grown on his land about a mile south of Pahokee which has been under cultivation approximately 20 years, and its kind is commonly called "old land" in this area. Old, perhaps, but far from worn out. Mr. Flynn says he has never, even with virgin muck, produced such a large yield of beans in all of his years of farming in the Glades.

## The Everglades News

Wishes to thank the many advertisers who have made this special issue profitable

## To Our Readers

In the many advertisements in this issue you will find much interesting data giving you a bird's eye view of the Lake Okeechobee Farming Region

## To The Farmers

We'd like to add our congratulations to those being heaped upon you today for a splendid job of producing vegetables and hanging up a record unheard of in this section.

'We know you'll carry on.

# First Highway Came To Glades In 1924

On July 4, 1924, Conners highway was opened for travel. It was the first paved highway connecting the Lake Region with the outside world. An account of it appearing in The Everglades News on July 11, 1924, appears below:

Conners' "Florida Highway," 51 miles long, part of a cross-state automobile road extending through Canal Point, was formally opened on the Fourth of July with a celebration at Okeechobee City, where W. J. Conners of Palm Beach and Buffalo, N. Y., the builder, was the central figure and where he confessed that the occasion gave him the proudest moment of his life. Taking part in the celebration, which was attended by from 10,000 to 12,000 people, were Governor Cary A. Hardee, Governor-elect John W. Martin, Attorney General Rivers H. Buford and other officials and notables.

Conners' Highway starts at a connection with a county road 22 miles west of West Palm Beach, runs on the south bank of West Palm Beach canal for 19 miles to Canal Point on the shore of Lake Okeechobee and follows the eastern shore of the lake for 32 miles to Okeechobee, where it connects with state road No. 8. It is a toll road, to be operated under a special act of the legislature. Construction started on April 23, 1923. The road is rock-based and practically completed except for the oiling. When links in state road No. 8 are finished by the first of January, 1925, the driving time between West Palm Beach and Tampa will be reduced to six hours.

With the extension of the Florida East Coast railroad south from Okeechobee along the east side of the lake and the construction of the Florida Western & Northern railroad through the northern part of Palm Beach county, Conners' Highway is expected to exert a tremendous influence in the rapid development of the area north of Canal Point. No official count was made but it is estimated that nearly 2,000 automobiles passed through Canal Point Friday morning en route from West Palm Beach, Lake Worth and other points on the lower east coast to the Okeechobee celebration. Many of the motorists thus saw the heart of the Everglades for the first time.

Palm Beach Post Report

Okeechobee, July 4.—The last chapter in the romance of a transportation unit rivaling the great railroad projects of the west was unfolded at the Okeechobee City toll station of the Conners high-

way when at 12:20 p. m. W. J. Conners snipped the red, white and blue silken cord stretched across the road and declared, "I officially declare the Conners highway open at this time." Roll-up to the toll station in a beautifully decorated car, Mr. Conners, Mrs. Conners and W. J. Conners, Jr., Buffalo publisher, halted, and the empire builder, dismounted. He walked to the silken cord and as the strands parted, his car proceeded through the gateway—the first to officially cross the highway. In the machine behind came Governor-elect, John W. Martin, Rivers Buford, state attorney general, and John J. Meegan, Mr. Conners' secretary. In the third machine rode Walter L. McGriff, auditor of the highway department. Here Pathe News cameramen ground out 200 feet of film.

When the Conners entourage reached the city the parade already had passed, led by the West Palm Beach band. But with Mr. Conners' arrival the Lake Worth band formed at the head of his party and most of the pretty floats again took up the procession.

#### Hardee Reviews Parade

The train bearing the state officials to West Palm Beach was an hour and a half late and so the arrival of the Conners party was delayed until long after the other delegations had arrived here. Gov. Cary A. Hardee, who had left the train at Fort Pierce and come here from that city, was in time for the parade and he and Mayor Tom Conley of Okeechobee reviewed it.

## Food Wasted In Our County Would Feed Many Fighting Men

Palm Beach County's 22,219 housewives could feed 5,508 soldiers for a year with the food wasted annually in homes of the county, an official of the country's leading food distributor estimated today.

This amazing figure is based on accurate government statistics which indicate that at least 10,554,025 pounds of food are wasted annually in Palm Beach County homes.

Food is a munition of war and everyone must fight waste of it now. Efficient food producers, processors and distributors have worked for years to reduce waste. Now the government is urging a

similar war on food waste in the home.

Kitchen efficiency should include three points: Buy as nearly as possible just the required amount; serve moderate helpings, and use all left-overs.

Although housewives have eliminated much food waste since Pearl Harbor, over eight per cent of all food bought for home consumption is still wasted. While it is obvious that waste cannot be prevented entirely, planned conservation should cut the loss in half and thus 2,754 soldiers could be fed with the resulting savings in homes of this county.

Civilians eat about 1,514 pounds of food each year while the average soldier "puts away" 1,916 pounds annually.

## Canal Point Hotel Built In 1924

The following story tells of erection of one of Canal Point's landmarks for many years. The building was destroyed by fire a couple of years ago. The story telling of its erection appeared in The Everglades News in 1924 and follows:

On his home place an even mile north of Canal Point bridge Charles Tedder is erecting a 20-room hotel building. Lumber for the building was bought and delivered more than a year ago but construction of the building was held up by the high water. Now that lake and canal waters are at a safe level and Conners Highway is on the eve of opening Mr. Tedder is carrying out his original plans. The building is three stories in height.

Modern plumbing will be installed and a comfortable stopping place made for motorists and tourists.

"We have gone through the pioneering stage and I believe that everyone is now warranted in making any development his means permit," Mr. Tedder says in explanation of his own expenditures and as advice to others. The site of the hotel building is on a 20-acre tract; Mr. Tedder has another 20-acre place half a mile further north and a third 20-acre tract in the same section.

For several years Mr. Tedder was in the grocery business at West Palm Beach, operating several stores and handling a large volume of trade. Having been a missionary in China of the Missionary Baptist denomination he disposed of his West Palm Beach grocery business and returned to China eight years ago. On his return to the United States from China he located at Canal Point four years ago. He still has some property in West Palm Beach and also has a place in Jacksonville.

"I have seen Sicily and other choice spots in Italy, and Ceylon

## Citrus Movement Shows An Increase

Florida citrus shipments last week, broke records. Movement was 1 1/2 million boxes compared with 750,000 a year ago. Prices were fantastic. OPA announced future price ceilings for various kinds of citrus high enough to suit everybody except consumers. At the same time WLB set wage ceiling for packing plant laborers at from 40 to 80 cents an hour, slightly higher than last year. Picking wages are not yet permanently fixed, but tentative schedule is high, and lower than some of the opportunistic takings of last season.

Meanwhile, a determined drive for farm labor, led by Governor Holland, reveals the situation is really dangerous at last. Some sections, notably Sanford, already show drastic acreage cuts on that account. Bahama negro camps are being established, Georgia and South Carolina recruiting organized.

and Hawaii as well as other parts of the world, and I believe that the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee will soon come to be recognized as the most remarkable area in the United States," Mr. Tedder said when asked his opinion of this region. "The all-year-round climate is the best in the world; there is a closer approach to absolute protection from frost than anywhere else in the country, the soil is of remarkable fertility, and the district is close to the great tourist resorts and not distant from the great markets.

"Now that an automobile road is to penetrate the country on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee there will be developments which will increase the population and the production of fruits and vegetables, which in turn will make it certain that one or more railroads will come to get the tonnage, and with motor roads and railroads supplementing our present possessions nothing will be lacking to make this the choice portion of the globe."

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**Pahokee, Fla.**

# FIRST SOLID CAR OF BEANS SHIPPED FROM LAKE REGION IN FEBRUARY, 1925

We are printing herewith a story from the columns of The Everglades News of February 20, 1925. It tells plans for rolling the first solid car of beans from the Lake farming region. The railroad had been built as far as Sand Cut and it was from there that the first car moved. The complete story follows:

Railroad transportation service to East Beach will be effective by the end of the week. W. H. Vann, vegetable buyer, placed an order Wednesday night for an iced car at the sand cut three miles north of Canal Point, the car to be set out there today. Work-trains will move cars until the schedule goes into effect some time in April.

F. W. Kirtland of St. Augustine, general traffic manager of the Florida East Coast railroad, is at Canal Point organizing the arrangements for handling the spring crop from this territory. He is accompanied by Thomas Beckwith of Miami, fruit and vegetable agent, who will remain here throughout the season.

Express service as well as refrigerated service will be rendered. A box car will be sent out each day to receive express shipments and a work train will pick up the car and take it to Okeechobee, where the shipments will be transferred to express cars.

"It costs 10 cents a package to boat shipments to Clewiston and the freight rate from Clewiston is three and one-half cents more than from Canal Point," Mr. Vann said Wednesday night, announcing the new service. "There-

fore, the rate on the F. E. C. is 13½ cents less than by way of Clewiston. In addition we get the benefit of refrigeration, and the cost of shipping in iced cars is less than the cost of shipping by express. Express stuff moves a little faster than refrigeration but the refrigerated stuff gets into market in better condition than the express. There will be a saving in time and money."

Warning is given, however, that notice must be given in order to get refrigerated cars set out at the sand cut, as the Okeechobee ice plant is too small to furnish enough ice for the cars and the ice has to come from New Smyrna.

"We can handle car lots of hampers, crates and similar materials," Mr. Beckwith said. "We cannot yet handle shipments of incoming freight in less than car load lots but if a dealer wants to bring in a full car of any commodity the car can be brought to the sand cut."

Mr. Beckwith has quarters at R. W. Windham's residence and will be on hand to give information to shippers and others. He probably will arrange to write receipts for express shipments and then exchange his receipts for the regular receipts from the agent at Okeechobee.

"We are assured by the Kelly Construction company that the rails will be to the station south of Canal Point by the first of April and that the dock will be in the Lake front at the station by that time," Mr. Kirtland said. He added that a side track would be built south of the station, extending further toward Pahokee and that tomatoes will be received there as well as at the sand cut.

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## CINEMATIC CHATTER.....

By MALCOLM MILLAR

What The Movies Have To Offer During The Coming Week

As we roll around to this week at your favorite movie house, I find a very attractive line of shows on the movie-fare for the entire week—which embraces everything in comedy.

Starting with the Owl Show, Saturday and running through

Sunday-Monday Cary Grant and Laraine Day, assisted by Charles Brown, are in "Mr. Lucky," a likable gambler in this picture.

His adventure in seeking a bankroll with which he can take his gambling ship, the Fortune, to South American waters and his stormy romance with a Park Avenue society girl lead to the suspenseful action of the film, which is said to be his best offering to date.

At any rate, from all indication, and I speak of the critical reviews which I have plowed through n

## Wood Containers For Potatoes Out After January 1

Noted for his versatile ability to this picture, I find "Mr. Lucky" states that the most charming comedies in recent

years is in "Mr. Lucky,"

Joe E. Brown and Judy Canova have teamed up to do one of the screwiest comedies a person ever sat through. The title of their new show, which will be screened Tuesday-Wednesday, is "Chatterbox," and in support of these two comedians are Rosemary Lane, Anne Jeffreys, George Byrnes, The Mills Brothers and Spade Cooley and His Boys.

The story—well, there doesn't seem to be much of a story—but there is a whole of a lot of tunes, song numbers, a dandy routine, and a whole host of the funniest comedy situations that have ever been wrapped up in a comedy production. I am sure, if you go for Joe and Judy's brand of comedy and singing, you will go for this show in a big way.

Thursday-Friday also offers a comedy that should have the customers in stitches. On those days Louis Valdez and Lou Costello come to the screen in their latest comedy under the title "Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event."

This is one of those comedies which starts off with an error in an announcement and fast-paced action in keeping up the description until the end of the picture. Louis Valdez and Lou Costello again is seen in his dual role of Lord Espan and Uncle Matt.

With this pair teamed in a comedy the customers are always sure of the fact that they are going to get a good laugh, so I'm sure I can't go wrong in recommending this one to you as a filler for that tired feed.

Saturday should bring a good announcement for the members of the Six Shooters Club, for on that day Hopalong Cassidy, none other than William Boyd, and his pals come to the screen in a Western gun-blazer under the title of "The Lost Canyon." This one is said to be the first full of action of the first young gun-blazing variety and should be a pleaser for all Western fans.

Well, folks, we are approaching Christmas and the Postal Department has asked that we mail our gifts early. Won't you heed that warning and save a lot of work for the already harried postal clerks?

See you at the movies—Mal.

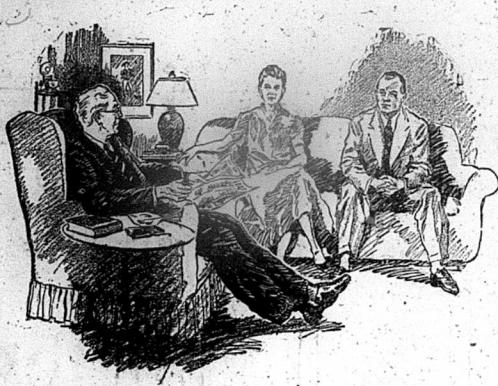
William Crews, MM 2-c, stationed at Davierville, R. I., is spending a 10-day furlough here with relatives.

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Evening service 7:30 when Rev. Claud Haynes D. D., pastor of First Methodist Church, West Palm Beach, will be the guest preacher. Dr. Haynes will conduct the Quarterly Conference at the close of the service.

Mrs. Doris Wetherington of Miami is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. Y. Levin, here this week.

## MIKE IS PROMOTED

KALAMAZOO, Nov. 20.—Pvt. Mrs. R. W. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sanders of Pahokee, has been promoted to temporary Captain, Staff Sergeant of the 367th Service Unit, 1st Calvary, Cavalry where he is studying basic engineering. Pvt. Sanders previously served as Cadet Sergeant.

## VISITS IN CANAL POINT

Miss Rosleen Doherty, student in Palm Beach Junior College, came home Tuesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with her parents and visit with her brother, Capt. E. F. Doherty who is spending a short furlough in Canal Point.

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## Farm Land Boom Now Will Bring Headaches After War

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said recently that this country today is in great danger from a farm land boom which is already under way. "Unless we do something about it soon we are going to build up future headaches for farmers and their families and for a good many other people as well," he declared.

Land values in this war have increased at just about the same rate as they did in World War I. The peak of that boom was not reached until nearly a year after the war closed, however. Then for 18 years the toboggan slide in land values, steep from 1920 to 1924, and again from 1930 to 1933, coincided with and contributed to a tremendous depression that was felt by every class of people throughout the country.

Many farmers have not forgotten this disastrous slump, but others have grown up who do not remember. And many city people with money they can't spend for other things are buying farm lands—partly because they believe them to be good investments and partly because they want to avoid the evil effects of inflation. But they do not realize that by paying high prices for lands they are contributing to the dreaded inflation in a very substantial way.

The fact that farm equipment is not available for expanding operations has caused the current boom to be of milder proportions than it might be. The Nation's hold-the-line efforts have also helped to keep down runaway prices.

Evil effects of a land boom, when receding prices do come, cause thousands and even millions of farm families to lose their holdings and, in most cases, their life savings, setting them back down the economic scale sometimes even lower than they were before they bought land. Others, more tenacious, hold on to their lands but mine them instead of conserving them, and often reduce their family living standards disastrously low to continue payments on their farms.

One encouraging thing about the present situation is that farm families are paying off their mortgages while prices for farm products are good. Others are making advance payments against the evil day.

The government is considering a number of types of measures to prevent the land boom from getting out of hand. These include such things as restriction of credit, ceiling prices on land and permits to purchase, and a transfer tax.

The one which seems to have

fewest undesirable features, however, and consequently is being given most serious consideration, is a stiff capital gain resale tax. No tax would be charged on the first transfer, thus permitting farmers who are ready to retire to sell without penalty. However, a special tax would be set up on the resale of farm real estate acquired during the emergency period. Speculators who bought land to resell a few months later at a profit would find their profit heavily taxed.

Both the government and thinking people in all walks want to avoid the aftermath of a land boom on top of the numerous other serious and inescapable problems following this war.

### 22 Inch Rain Fell November 6-7, 1932

No special edition of The Everglades News would be complete unless it told the story of the 22-inch rain back in 1932. To be exact the date was Sunday and Monday, November, 6, 7, 1932.

This recording of rainfall was made at the United States Sugar Cane Testing station at Canal Point. At St. Lucie Lock No. 1 there was rainfall measured at 12.44 inches; Everglades Experiment Station 10.45 inches; Lock No. 2 on St. Lucie canal near Stuart, 5.75 inches.

Practically all beans in the Pahokee and Canal Point area were drowned. Belle Glade was a bit less badly hurt. South Bay and Lake Harbor suffered less damage.

The heavy rainfall at Canal Point competed successfully with the presidential election returns in nation-wide news. Radio broadcasting stations all over America picked up the 22-inch rainfall story as being worthy of mention. Floyd Gibbons, most popular radio announcer of that time, included the item in his broadcast.

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## Farm Land Boom Now Will Bring Headaches After War

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said recently that this country today is in great danger from a farm land boom which is already under way. "Unless we do something about it soon we are going to build up future headaches for farmers and their families and for a good many other people as well," he declared.

Land values in this war have increased at just about the same rate as they did in World War I. The peak of that boom was not reached until nearly a year after the war closed, however. Then for 13 years the toboggan slide in land values, steep from 1920 to 1924, and again from 1930 to 1933, coincided with and contributed to a tremendous depression that was felt by every class of people throughout the country.

Many farmers have not forgotten this disastrous slump, but others have grown up who do not remember. And many city people with money they can't spend for other things are buying farm lands—partly because they believe them to be good investments and partly because they want to avoid the evil effects of inflation. But they do not realize that by paying high prices for lands they are contributing to the dreaded inflation in a very substantial way.

The fact that farm equipment is not available for expanding operations has caused the current boom to be of milder proportions than it might be. The Nation's hold-the-line efforts have also helped to keep down runaway prices.

Evil effects of a land boom, when receding prices do come, cause thousands and even millions of farm families to lose their holdings and, in most cases, their life savings, setting them back down the economic scale sometimes even lower than they were before they bought land. Others, more tenacious, hold on to their lands but mine them instead of conserving them, and often reduce their family living standards disastrously low to continue payments on their farms.

One encouraging thing about the present situation is that farm families are paying off their mortgages while prices for farm products are good. Others are making advance payments against the evil day.

The government is considering a number of types of measures to prevent the land boom from getting out of hand. These include such things as restriction of credit, ceiling prices on land and permits to purchase, and a transfer tax.

The one which seems to have

fewest undesirable features, however, and consequently is being given most serious consideration, is a stiff capital gain resale tax. No tax would be charged on the first transfer, thus permitting farmers who are ready to retire to sell without penalty. However, a special tax would be set up on the resale of farm real estate acquired during the emergency period. Speculators who bought land to resell a few months later at a profit would find their profits heavily taxed.

Both the government and thinking people in all walks want to avoid the aftermath of a land boom on top of the numerous other serious and inescapable problems following this war.

### 22 Inch Rain Fell November 6-7, 1932

No special edition of The Everglades News would be complete unless it told the story of the 22-inch rain back in 1932. To be exact the date was Sunday and Monday, November, 6, 7, 1932.

This recording of rainfall was made at the United States Sugar Cane Testing station at Canal Point. At St. Lucie Lock No. 1 there was rainfall measured at 12.44 inches; Everglades Experiment Station 10.45 inches; Lock No. 2 on St. Lucie canal near Stuart, 5.75 inches.

Practically all beans in the Pa-hokee and Canal Point area were drowned. Belle Glade was a bit less badly hurt. South Bay and Lake Harbor suffered less damage.

The heavy rainfall at Canal Point competed successfully with the presidential election returns in nation-wide news. Radio broadcasting stations all over America picked up the 22-inch rainfall story as being worthy of mention. Floyd Gibbons, most popular radio announcer of that time, included the item in his broadcast.



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AND MADE POSSIBLE THIS WIDE-SPREAD  
RECOGNITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
WE EXTEND OUR . . . . .

## *Sincere Congratulations*

THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE FARMING REGION  
WITH ITS MAGIC SOIL HAS SET A  
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## *In Winning The Army "A" Award For Production*

Let's Keep Our Shoulder To The Wheel Of Agricultural Industry  
Every Moment Of Every Hour Until Victory

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## *Bank of Pahokee*

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

# **\$22,000,000 INCOME FROM 84,000 ACRES**

## Congratulations!

To each and every farmer in the Lake Okeechobee Region who had a hand in winning the

### Army "A" Award For Production

Such co-operative spirit will make our area the greatest vegetable growing section of all.

**Geiger Lumber Co.**  
Pahokee, Fla.

## **Splendid Work!**

And when we say Splendid, we mean just that! No finer accomplishment has been achieved. Your winning the . . .

## Army "A" Award For Production

Will stand for many years as an outstanding reward for effort well expended.

## Prince & Everglades Theatres

Palm Beach County Was Selected For This Award By The State War Board At The Request Of The War Food Administration

**Excellent!**

Excellent is just about tops in anything. Farmers in this area reached that point by winning the

### Army "A" Award For Production

In years to come it is a record on which everyone will look with a great deal of pride.

**Pahokee Lumber Co.**  
Pahokee, Fla.

## **A Job Well Done!**

Maybe the going was tough at times, but Lake Region Farmers came through with flying colors and won the

### Army "A" Award For Production

IT IS a job well done and one for which farmers are due a great deal of commendation.

**Everglades Insurance Agency**

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY WINS "A" AWARD**

## Through The Years . .

Since Farming First Started On Lake Okeechobee We  
Have Made An Effort Each Season To Produce  
As Many Hampers As Possible On Our  
Acreage

Since War Began—And A World Must Be Fed—We  
Have Extended Extra Effort To Make Our Farms Pro-  
duce To The Limit—This We Will Continue To Do Until  
Victory

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## Farmers In Palm Beach County

WHO MADE POSSIBLE  
THE WINNING OF THE

## ARMY "A" AWARD

Are Due Congratulations of The Highest Order  
That They Will Continue Their Good Work Is Assured

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## L. L. STUCKEY FARMS

— L. L. STUCKEY, Pahokee, Fla. —

# JACK AND THE BEAN STALK IS A TALL TALE; HOW ABOUT STORY OF GLADES BEAN DEAL?

Youngsters for generations have been thrilled by the fable of Jack and the Bean Stalk, a tall tale, yes, but scarcely more incredulous than the true life story of the snap bean and the part it has played in the development of the wild and mysterious Everglades into one of the most fertile agricultural empires of the world.

There are many versions of the beginning of the story, the most popular one telling of a boy spilling some beans on the muck. The amazing growth and yield of these neglected volunteer beans soon became legendary and tales of the high productiveness of the virgin Everglades muck spread far and wide.

Armed with machetes and bush hooks, pioneer farmers were soon carving small plots of arable muck out of the elder and custard apple thickets along the shores of Lake Okeechobee. In contrast to thousands of acres of farm land under one management in the Glades today the grower who tilled as much as 20 acres was considered a big farmer in those early days.

The Glades pioneer was grower, harvester, packer and shipper all rolled in one. His only contact with the rail head at Okeechobee was by boat which brought in his supplies and carried off his harvest. He thrived on adventure and hardship, living with his family in tents until makeshift shacks could be built and dipping his water for drinking and washing from the big lake. He would send away his beans, unprotected by refrigeration until they reached the railroad, sometimes never to hear from them again, or perhaps to learn weeks later that they had rotted enroute to market, or on occasions to receive the exciting report that they had sold for five, eight or even twelve dollars a hamper on the other end.

Some of those pioneers, whose faith in the Glades could not be shaken by flooding rains and frost which often wiped their crops out overnight, are today leading citizens of this area. Others, broken and discouraged by crop disasters, retired from the battle with nature only to have their places filled two and threefold by an incoming tide of settlers that poured into the Glades to grow beans, and more beans.

With the completion of the network of drainage canals running from the Lake to the East Coast more and more land became available for farming and along with new residents came many of the conveniences of modern life. New

villages, Pahokee, Belle Glade, South Bay and others, sprang up along the East and South Beaches. There were now packing houses to handle the beans, brokers to sell them, buyers to purchase them and a bank in Pahokee in which to deposit the money they returned. Churches, schools, homes, theatres were being erected at breakneck speed. A marvelous new paved road, Conners Highway, was built to connect the Glades with the East Coast and Okeechobee and the Florida East Coast Railway extended its branch line along the East Beach for the fast transportation of beans to northern markets.

Even the stunning disaster of the 1928 hurricane which left death and desolation in its wake did little to check the momentum under which the Glades was now progressing. As an aftermath to the storm came the erection of the

massive levee along the shores of Lake Okeechobee from Port Mayaca to Moore Haven and behind its protective wall arose many beautiful and substantial new homes.

As the years passed methods of farming improved and acreages of individual growers increased in size. From the Everglades Experiment Station, established by the State near Belle Glade to promote the development of sawgrass muck, the farmers learned that manganese and phosphoric acid assisted greatly in the growth of beans, consequently, the use of chemical fertilizers became commonplace. New varieties of beans were introduced. The tendergreen, a new round type of bean, forced the giant stringless, an early day favorite, from the market. Bountifuls became the choice variety at the New York market. Black valentines soon became popular with

buyers because of their excellent shipping quality. A current favorite with growers because of its high yields is the plentiful variety which has been grown extensively in this area only for the past two years. A decade ago grading belts were installed in the packing houses to give the consumer a more attractive and uniform package.

When the bean deal reached the proportion of big business with the larger growers planting almost every day throughout the season the margin of profit decreased to the point where the small grower was forced to diversify his crops, in most instances switching to pepper, eggplant and squash as his principal money crops. Celery, introduced as a commercial crop in the Glades by the late H. H. Wedgeworth in 1935, was an immediate success. The acreage increased steadily from a 50 acre plot that year to nearly 2,500 acres this year. Celery has returned the grower huge profits during the past two years but it is strictly a large farmer's crop because of the large capital investment required to grow it. Cabbage has been an important crop for many years and still is but tomatoes until recently a big deal are rapidly losing their popularity as a Glades spring crop because of the increasing uncertainty of growing and marketing this vegetable in this area. Other important vegetables grown successfully in the Glades include limas, potatoes, green peas, radishes, greens, lettuce, endive, carrots, escarole. All of these have contributed to the wealth of the area but the snap bean is still king of the Glades vegetables.

Last year, one of the best in the history of Glades farming, beans made up more than half of the 13,000 carlots that moved from the Lake Okeechobee section to northern markets and canneries by rail and truck. This year to date the bean deal has been even better than last. Prices have been good since the start of the season in October, quality of offerings, except during a brief rainy spell the past week, has been excellent and shipments by rail, totaling 820 cars up to Nov. 15, are double that moving during the same period last year. With the fall movement now at its peak, shipments are averaging approximately 75 carlots daily. The snap bean, mainstay and incentive of the pioneer in his taming of the wilderness, is still the Big Deal in the Glades.

## Commissioner Mayo Sends Greetings

THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
TALLAHASSEE

November 22, 1943

The Everglades News  
Canal Point, Florida

Dear Sirs:

Congratulations to Palm Beach County for winning the Army "A" award "for Agricultural achievement." The entire Lake Okeechobee Region shares well in this accomplishment.

This recognition from the USDA War Board is something to be proud of. It shows the possibilities of the State as a whole in the field of Agriculture.

Hurrah for Palm Beach County!

Yours very sincerely,  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner

# Packing Houses Are Doing Splendid Job

On a sightseeing trip through the Glades the visitor invariably finds the packing houses, through which the vast flow of vegetables are prepared for market, points of interest second to none. He will find them easy to locate for there are scores of them clustered along the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee from Moore Haven to Canal Point. At South Bay and Canal Point he will find them near the Florida East Coast railroad station, at Lake Harbor near the Atlantic Coast Line station, in the Belle Glade area at the great packing center of Chosen and in the Pahokee area at the F. E. C. sidings at Pelican Lake and Cardwell and the Pahokee State Farmers Market.

All Lake Region packing houses are equipped with the most modern and efficient of vegetable packing machinery and in aggregate employ hundreds of skilled workers through the season to insure the consumer the most attractive and trustworthy package of vegetables that the markets afford.

Since the snap bean is the most common of Glades vegetables and is packed in the area practically every day from the start of the season in October to the windup usually sometime in May, the visitor lists a visit to the bean-packing house a "must" on his itinerary. He is usually impressed upon entering the human beehive of activity. At the receiving platform farmers' trucks are unloading tier on tier of two-bushel field boxes filled with beans. There are perhaps a bank of three to six grading belts operating at the same time. At the head of each belt is a worker who dumps the beans into the hopper. Another man takes the beans from the hopper and spreads them evenly over the moving belt.

The beans move up an incline to a blower which removes dust and small particles of trash and then down the grading stretch. Here women and girls stand on each side of the belt, each with a separate grading task to perform, one to remove leaves, another tenderized beans, another oversize beans, another beans with rotten ends or worm holes until by the time the beans reach the end of the belt the grade will be as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it. At the end of the belt the beans are funneled into two separate spouts where they are caught in bushel hampers.

After the hamper becomes full it is neatly capped with a few markets.

handfuls of beans selected from the run and the top is wired on by the header who places it on a conveyor running to a refrigerated car or truck.

A nimble label boy with his brush and bucket of paste slaps the label on the hampers as they move in stately single file on the conveyor. The packing house operator is proud of his labels and careful of their use for through them he builds reputation of integrity for his house at northern markets. He usually has several labels to signify quality, ranging from extra fancy to fair.

In the celery packing houses the visitor finds much the same scene except this vegetable is handled in a different manner, as it is washed, stripped of undesirable outer stalks, graded for size, packed into crates and pre-cooled before loading for shipping. Limas and green peas are graded on the same belts and packed the same way as snap beans. Pepper, green squash and egg plant are packed mostly from grading bins instead of moving belts.

Cabbage is the only major crop vegetable still packed largely in the field. In the early days, however, all packing was done in the fields. Each farmer had his own idea of what a pack should look like and the confusing result was a far cry from the neat standardized package put up by present day packing houses.

Within the last decade all parties connected with the Lake Okeechobee farming deal have made every effort to make Glades vegetables the finest the consumer can buy. The seed dealer has introduced many improved varieties of various vegetables and is constantly on the search for more. The fertilizer houses keep in close contact with the agricultural experiment stations to insure proper food elements in the fertilizer so that vegetables grown are thrifty and rich in vitamin and minerals. The insecticide dealer is alert to dangers of crop diseases, insects and fungi infestations and always has on hand the proper counteragents to overcome the pests and save the crop from ruin or ugly disfigurement. The crate manufacturer strives to furnish the kind of trim, convenient container that is most acceptable to the buyer.

It is through the close co-operation of these farm suppliers with the growers and the packing house operators that the Lake Region is able to prepare such splendid packs for northern

# JOE KAHN Says

## • Congratulations to Farmers

IN THE LAKE AREA  
WHO HAVE THRU

Their Determination  
Caused Palm Beach County

To Be

## Recognized Nation-Wide

By Winning The

## • Army "A" Award

This Store Is Happy To Number  
Among Its Friends Every Grower

In This Area Who Has Had a Hand

In Bringing This Coveted Award

To Palm Beach County, Once Again

We Say CONGRATULATIONS.

**KAHN'S**

• Pahokee

Belle Glade •

# A Region Of Magic Soil . . . .

Coupled With The Determined Spirit  
Of Those Who Call It Home . . . .

*Won For Palm Beach County*  
*The Coveted*

## Army "A" Award For Production

No Higher Award Can Come To Farmers In Any Section Of America. Recognition Of The Efforts Of Our Own Lake Region Farmers Marks An Era In Our History Long To Be Remembered.

To Every Farmer In The County Who In Any Way Has Contributed To The Winning Of This Award . . . .

### Congratulations



# HULL PACKING CO.

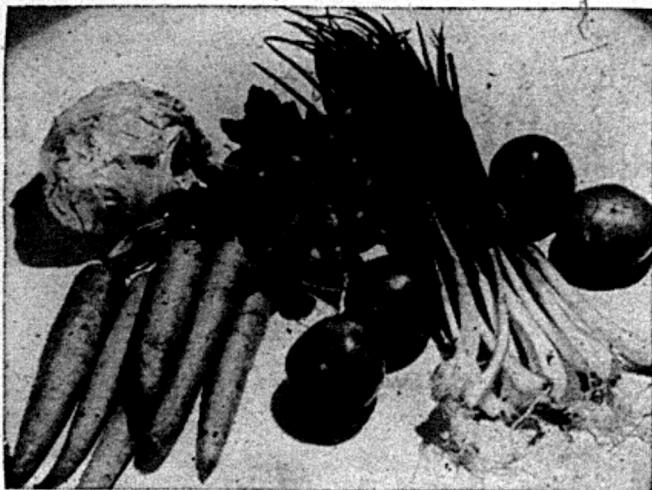
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Pahokee, Fla.

# An Army Marches On Its Belly (VENTRE')

.... and Palm Beach County ranks at the top in keeping that belly well filled, with fresh vegetables.

First in production of fresh vegetables in the United States is a record of which to be proud. It is a tribute to the hard and unremitting toil, the vision and the refusal to be daunted by obstacles of Palm Beach County's farmers. In wartime this record is of greater importance for food is a vital weapon of war.



In Winning The . . . .

## ARMY "A" AWARD

For Agricultural Achievement

Palm Beach County's Producers  
Gain New Glory

We're Proud To Be Fellow Citizens of These Palm Beach Countians . . . . The Kind of People Who Are Bringing Victory To Our Side In The War



Waste In War Is A Crime. Don't Waste Electricity Just Because It's Still Cheap

# A Red Letter Day In The History of The Everglades

**On Monday, November 29, at Belle Glade in a Special Ceremony  
At 10:00 A. M.**

**CITIZENS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

WILL RECEIVE THE

**Army "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement**

**Gov. Spessard Holland  
Will Speak**

**A 45 Piece Military Band Will Enliven The Occasion**

**A Contingent of WACS Will Parade**

Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay Mayors Have Declared, the Hours of 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Monday a holiday and ask all business houses to close for the occasion.

No other county in the State has been so honored. The Lake Region has played an important part in winning this award. Let's all go and see it presented by the Army.

Realizing the importance of the occasion on which Farmers of our county will be honored and in an effort to thoroughly publicize the event, this advertisement is paid for by—

R. J. SIMONSON and T. W. KNIGHT

# Bank of Pahokee Has An Excellent Record

That the Bank of Pahokee, and its conservative method of carrying on has been an outstanding factor in the development of this section is a statement that will not be contradicted by any person. Since its establishment in 1922 the bank has been the predominant financial institution on East Beach. Its long record of careful handling of the depositor's money stands out in the minds of all who have done business with this institution.

From a meagre beginning the Bank of Pahokee has established itself among the financial institutions of Palm Beach as a leader, headed by men with foresight, always with an eye to future development of this area.

An enviable record of the Bank of Pahokee is that it never closed as a result of the financial disaster brought about by boom times in Florida. While banks throughout the county and all over the state were closing on every hand, the Bank of Pahokee continued to do business daily at the same old stand. Today the local bank is the oldest bank in Palm Beach county in continuous operation.

In looking over old files of The Everglades News a statement of condition published by the bank on June 30, 1925 gave total resources of \$180,078.37. In comparison a statement published on June 30, 1943 gave resources of \$3,515,579.15.

Back in 1925 deposits amounted to \$158,837.01 while in 1943 deposits on June 30 were \$3,395,349.81. Capital and surplus on June 30, \$105,000.

The local bank is operated today by a group of progressive and up-to-the minute bankers with many years of experience. They are ever alert to changing conditions in this section and always stand ready to back worthy projects which will make the Lake Region a better place in which to live.

Officers of the bank are: Rupert Mock, president; Harry M. McIntosh, vice president; R. K. Lewis, vice president; E. F. McIlwain, cashier and Melba Cruthird, assistant cashier. Employed in the bookkeeping department are: Miss Nancy Jo Handly, Miss Sara Sanders and Mrs. L. J. Fraser.

Directors are: Robert L. Earnest, R. K. Lewis, Rupert Mock, E. F. McIlwain, Lewis Friend and H. M. McIntosh.

Today there are three other banks on the shore of Lake Okeechobee but the Bank of Pahokee stands out clearly as the leading

banking institution because of its many years of service to the community, and its ever increasing reputation for fair dealing with its depositors.

The other banks on the Lake are: The First Bank of Clewiston and The Florida National Bank at Belle Glade, and the bank in Okeechobee that was recently opened for business.

## Freight Rate Much Cheaper Than In '25

In searching records for the number of car loads of beans that have moved from the Lake Region since the Florida East Coast railroad began serving this area, it was found that more than 80,000 solid cars have been shipped since that day back in 1925 when W. H. Vann loaded the first car at Sand Cut.

Many thousands of cars have also gone out over the Atlantic Coast Line from Lake Harbor and Clewiston and thousands of other shipments have gone to northern markets by truck. A total and complete tabulation is not available.

In 1925 the rate on a hamper of beans from Canal Point to New York was 80c with another \$70 charge for refrigeration. The minimum in the car was 350 hampers. The average charge for transportation to the New York Market was \$1.00 per hamper.

Times have changed since that first car went out in February, 1925, and today growers receive benefits from the change. Today the rate is 40c pr hamper with a minimum of 640 in the car. The standard refrigeration charge is \$48. When figured out the cost of transportation today on a hamper of beans is 47½ cents. Quite a saving, to be sure, and one that shows the Florida East Coast railroad to be in step with the times.

**VICTORY**



**FARMER**

Thru Thick and Thin  
Thru Drouth & Flood  
Thru Hurricane, Frost  
and Adverse Antics  
Of Nature

## Lake Region Farmers

Have Carried On Year After Year  
To Provide A nation With Rich  
Green Winter Vegetables

## Now Comes

Recognition For A Work Well Done  
In Presentation Of The . . .

## Army "A" Award

FOR PRODUCTION

It Is Well-Earned Recognition And  
Justly Deserved By A Group  
Who Never Give Up

**G. H. TUCKER**

Canal Point, Fla.

# The Everglades News

Serving The Lake Okeechobee Farming Region Continuously For 19 Years, 8 Months and 18 Days

## Our Farmers Win Recognition

Little did the founders of this agricultural empire think that some day state and nation-wide honors would come to this section in the abundance they are being heaped upon those who till the soil today. Little did they think—when the first patches of beans were planted in 1908—that from this meagre beginning that more than 80,000 car loads of beans would be produced and shipped out over the Florida East Coast railroad before the end of 1943. This does not take into consideration the thousands and thousands of solid truck loads that have moved from this area during the same period of time.

Farmers in the Lake Region are being honored today for a valiant effort last season when they produced \$22,000,000 worth of vegetables from plantings which amounted to more than 84,000 acres. There aren't nearly that many acres under cultivation in this section but one must remember that many thousands of acres bear at least two crops during the growing season.

Today's ceremonies at Belle Glade mark the culmination of a season of effort unmatched in any other section of this America of ours. The magic soil of the Lake Region—thus far—has lived up to its reputation of being the richest in the world. Other communities that grow green vegetables try to match records established by Lake Region growers but their efforts are in vain.

The farmer of this section has a peculiar make-up. He has the stick-to-it-ive-ness of a leech, the unconquerable spirit of an army mule, the gambling instinct of a Klondike sour-dough and the happy faculty of being able to look disaster in the face and smile. Through thick and thin, through drought and flood, through hurricane, frost and the adverse antics of nature, the Lake Region farmer continues to carry on.

And, today he comes in for his hour of triumph. Today he is celebrating a red letter day in the history of the Lake Region. He is being honored with the highest agricultural awards attainable. He is being awarded the United States Department of Agriculture Achievement Award and the famed Army "A" pennant for outstanding production. These honors will be humbly accepted by the men who till the soil and tomorrow they will go back to work—back to their tractors and fields—back to their packing houses—back to the humdrum activity of growing beans, harvesting and shipping them to northern markets for consumption by folks, many of whom have never known the year-round sunshine which prevails in this fertile farming section of Palm Beach county.

Our farmers have a lot of something or other in their make-up that causes them to live from day to day hoping, dreaming and always looking forward to the season when they will make a "killing." It has been done many, many times. Growers have made fortunes on one crop within the period of a few short months. A mere handful have tucked the lucre in their jeans and wended themselves back to the state of their nativity. But, where this mere handful

has left these parts with their pockets lined with cash, thousands of others have stuck by the soil and wound up without the price of a bean hamper to call their own. Of course, there are many more who have fought the deal to a standstill and have come out on the big end of the horn—with acres of improved land and sufficient farm machinery to carry on a successful and profitable operation.

The Lake Region specializes on quick money crops. Nowhere else in the world can so much money be made so quickly on so small an investment. But, there is always the possibility of frost or flood to overshadow the rosy outlook which most outsiders have of this vegetable empire.

Visitors from every section of Palm Beach county are expected to be in attendance at today's celebration. Many of these visitors are landowners in the Lake Region and are always interested in happenings here. Many residents of West Palm Beach own Everglades acreage and rent it to farmers either for cash rent or take a certain percentage of what is grown for rent. Some years, when a share of the crop is taken for rent, the owner receives what would be considered exorbitant rent, but, in other years, when the market is low or some disaster strikes the growing fields he rents his land for practically nothing.

Farmers and all other citizens of the county are appreciative of the fact that Florida's governor considered the day's celebration important enough to cast aside for a day the duties of his office and come to join us in paying homage to the farmer who furnishes our tables with green delicacies during the winter months. Our citizenry also is happy over the part the

Army has played in bringing about this great event. State, county and federal officials, connected with the war effort in one capacity or another, are to be complimented for the splendid co-operation they have given in perfecting plans for today's celebration.

The Everglades News and its management is happy to be a part of the Lake Region and today takes this opportunity to add felicitations to those already extended to the man who is responsible for our livelihood. For, after all if the farmer didn't battle the elements and bring in profitable crops there would be little use of us remaining in business. The farmer is the backbone of this area and today's honors have recognized him in his rightful spot.

So, as a bright day dawns in Everglades history, with an eye cast toward the future, we predict bigger and better things for this land that has in so few short years come to the forefront as a vegetable producing section. When a chaotic world is righted once more and farmers can secure their needs without any trouble the vast agricultural empire being honored today will be known throughout the land as producer of the finest vegetables ever grown by man. We can rest assured that come honors or not the men who till the soil here will continue in the traditional manner, so well known to us, to produce food.

**To Our Visitors: Welcome To This Agricultural Empire With Its Magic Soil--The Fertility Of Which Is Second To None--Not Even Excepting The Valley Of The Nile In The Land Of The Ancient Pharaohs**



CONGRATULATIONS To Palm Beach County Farmers For Winning The  
**Army "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement**

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That on Monday, November 29, in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County Will Receive the

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Canal Point, Palm Beach County, Fla., Monday, November 29, 1943

**22,000,000**  
**FROM**  
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**CROP**  
**SEASON**

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**LAKE OKEECHOBEE**  
**IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PALM BEACH**  
**COUNTY WINNING THE ARMY**  
**"A" AWARD FOR**  
**PRODUCTION**



The Army "A" Award For Agricultural Achievement Will Be Awarded Palm Beach  
County Farmers In A Special Ceremony Monday, November 29, 1943 At 10 A.M.

**CONGRATULATIONS !**

To the Lake Area Farmers For Their  
Excellent Work In Winning . . .

The ARMY "A" AWARD

For Agricultural Achievement



**Fred T. Hickerson**

GROWER AND SHIPPER

CANAL POINT, FLORIDA

# SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED IN CEREMONY AT BELLE GLADE

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Never before in the history of Palm Beach county has the agricultural industry been so rewarded. In fact, it is the first time that any county in the state has been so honored. And, it all came about because Lake Region farmers put their shoulders to the wheel of agricultural industry last season and produced \$22,000,000 worth of vegetables on 84,000 planted acres of the fertile and near-magic soil of this section.

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Mr. Stuckey after accepting the pennant will introduce the governor of the State of Florida—Hon. Spessard L. Holland—who will on behalf of the citizens of Palm Beach county and the State of Florida accept the honors in one of his usual eloquent and interesting addresses.

Today is a red letter day in the history of the Lake Okeechobee Farming Region. It is to be celebrated as such. Mayor O. B. McClure of Pahokee, Mayor J. K. Baker of Belle Glade and Mayor William Jeffries of South Bay, eastern Lake shore incorporated towns, have declared a



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To be technical about the honors—there are two separate and distinct awards. One from United States Department of Agriculture upon recommendation of the War Food Administration and another from the Army. The U. S. D. A. award will be a handsome "Certificate for Agricultural Achievement," while the Army will present its now famous "A" pennant.

Sam Chastain, Canal Point broker and vegetable grower, will act as master of ceremonies and introduce the visiting dignitaries. H. G. Clayton, Florida State Chairman of the U. S. D. A. War Board, will present the "Certificate of Achievement." It will be accepted by L. L. Stuckey, a pioneer resident of the Lake Region who has made his home in Pahokee for 33 years.

Capt. Norman Brown, quartermaster corps, Commanding Officer of the Subsistence Division for the Procurement of

holiday during the hours of 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. today in order that all business men and their assistants may be in attendance for the ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony all members of the Belle Glade and Pahokee civic organizations and all visiting officials will go to the Belle Glade city park where a sumptuous barbecue dinner will be served.

Oldtimers in the Lake Region—and by oldtimers it is meant those who have seen the farming deal develop here—have been greatly interested in presentation of the award. They remember the section when it was without highways or railroads—when the only contact with the outside world was by boat to Fort Lauderdale or West Palm Beach. So, today they are to watch presentation of an award which comes for production of green winter vegetables in an amount which would have been considered phenomenal a few short years ago on East Beach of Lake Okeechobee.



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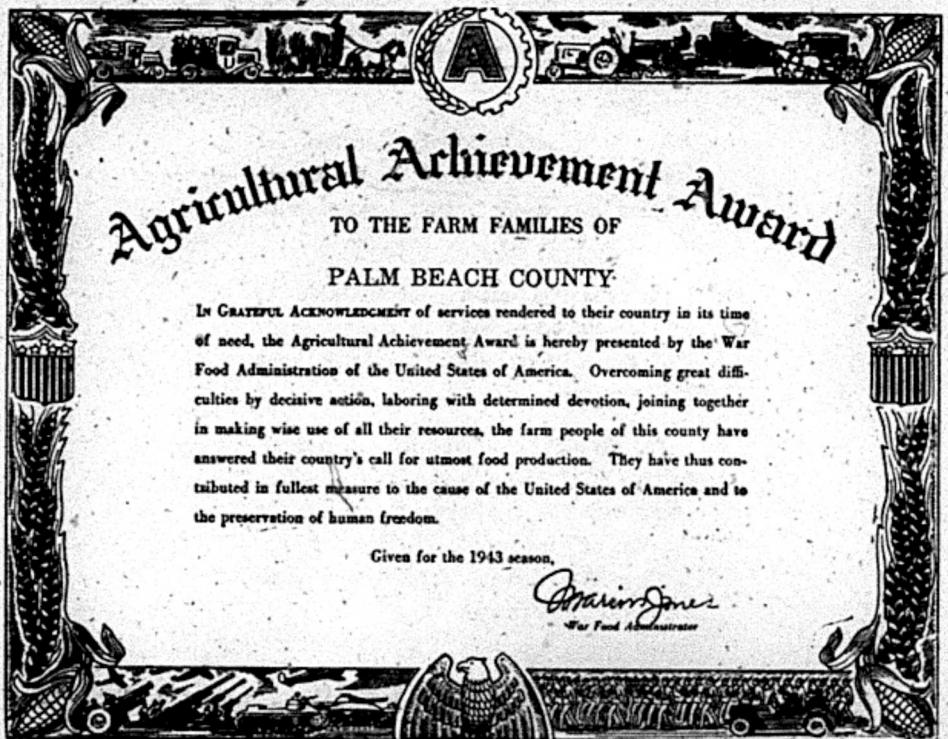
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